

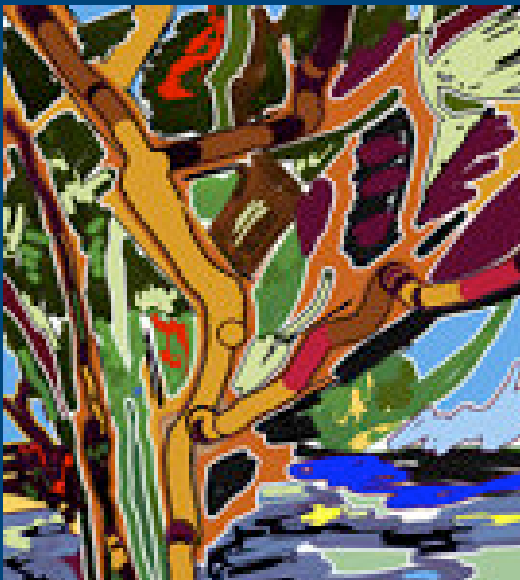
UNIVERSITY of NORTH TEXAS

Department of Philosophy and Religion Studies

Presents A Lecture By

Dr. Robert Figueroa

Regaining a Foothold for Identity: Avoiding the Backslide into Reductionism by Retracing Steps towards Bivalent Environmental Justice



Dr. Figueroa will defend the kind of dualistic accounts that are called *Bivalent Environmental Justice*. Although dualisms in general spark fear in the hearts of many environmental philosophers, in the model of bivalent environmental justice where the dualism is framed perspectively rather than by virtue of substantive characteristics a beneficent, indeed, even productive, dualism emerges. He will address whether or not bivalent justice theory suffers the charge of reductionism and will explore problems dependent upon the meanings of environmental identity established within the bivalent environmental justice framework.

Dr. Figueroa is assistant professor of university studies and programming coordinator of environmental studies at Colgate University. As an interdisciplinary philosopher he teaches environmental justice studies, ethics, social movement theory, and environmental philosophy across a variety of interdisciplinary programs. His more general teaching interests include social and practical ethics, environmental ethics, science and technology studies, intracultural studies, and peace and conflict studies. Figueroa's writings span a range of environmental justice studies including Latino/a issues, world heritage policy, justice and race theory, global politics, post-colonial national park management, ecotourism, and environmental pedagogy. His work can be found in several interdisciplinary books, such as *The Blackwell Companion to Environmental Philosophy*; *Faces of Environmental Racism: Issues in Global Justice* (2nd ed), *The Environmental Justice Reader: Politics, Poetics, and Pedagogy*, and *Forging Environmentalism: Justice, Livelihood and Contested Environments*. In journals such as, *Transactions of the British Institute of Geography*, *The Rutgers Law Journal*, and *Global Environmental Change*.

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